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#### British Mine Disaster

Whitchurch, Dec. 10.—Hope, was abandoned today for seven miners in an undressed gallery of a coal pit where 15 were trapped by an explosion yesterday.

Eight bodies had been recovered by rescue squads who still were tunnelling inch by inch in knee-deep water through a wall of fallen coal and rock which blocked the blast-wrecked gallery with an estimated 100 tons of rubble.

Rescue operations in the long gallery, which extends from the pit-head literally out to sea, were pushed during the night although hampered by heavy fresh falls from the roof of the mine.

Nine rescue parties worked in shifts battling a way toward the entombed men on the slightest chance that some might still be alive. Their efforts were made difficult by seepage and by gas which followed the explosion believed to have been started by a fire in the damp.

However, Mr. T. J. Hughes, manager of the United Steel Company's collieries, where the explosion occurred, said that the gas is being cleared fairly well by specially equipped workers sent into the mine for that purpose.

Anxious groups of relatives still huddled about the pit entrance this morning. Some of them had been there since first word of the explosion was received.

One miner was being congratulated today on the illness of his wife. He had gone down into the undersized main yesterday with the regular shift but worried about his wife who had been ill in the morning. He left his work and returned home. Shortly after he left the gallery explosion wrecked it.—United Press.

### 28 Dead In Air Crash

Tokyo, Dec. 10.—It was officially announced that there was only one American survivor among an undisclosed number of Army air crash victims caused when a C-46 transport struck the ground two minutes after its takeoff at Iwami airbase outside Osaka for Fukuoka, northwest Kyushu.

Official reports estimated that 28 were killed.

The terse announcement said: "One survivor" and added that the victims' names would be withheld 48 hours pending notification of next of kin. The accident occurred at 1 p.m. today. The plane belonged to the 317th troop carrier group.

The announcement said a board of investigation had already been appointed.

The plane originally took off from the Tachikawa airfield, Tokyo.

SCAP officials said they had no information who might be on board.—United Press.

### Call For Jewish State

Basel, Switzerland, Dec. 10.—Dr. Weizmann, President of the World Zionist Congress, called yesterday for establishment of a Jewish state as the only means of settling the Palestine problem.

"We cannot contemplate a solution falling short of that claim, the aging Jewish leader said in his presidential address.

Dr. Weizmann said that the so-called Morrison plan for the federalization of Palestine into Jewish and Arab states must be rejected "without hesitation or reserve."

"We reflect it both in principle and detail," he declared. "In principle because it is either a full solution or one which establishes the Jewish people in political independence."—Associated Press.

London, Dec. 9.—Two aircraft have sighted off the Chongming peninsula, the derelict submarine "Truant" which has been adrift, a menace to shipping since Thursday. —Reuter.

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### Reds Slam The Door

Nanking, Dec. 10.

"There is no possibility of a compromise settlement," said the Communist spokesman Wang Ping-nan here today, reiterating General Chou En-lai's two conditions for the reopening of peace talks—dissolution of the National Assembly and restoration of of clothes rationing in Britain are understood to be planned by the Board of Trade soon.

The official added that the Liberte had been pulled into a repair basin and that it is now in an upright position. He said no further damage had been suffered by the liner during the night.—United Press.

### Clothing Ration To Go?

London, Dec. 9.

The first steps towards the ultimate abolition of clothes rationing in Britain are understood to be planned by the Board of Trade soon.

An increase in the number of coupons is expected with the new allotment on March 1.

The Government aims to increase coupons or decrease coupons prices. At least an extra ten coupons may be available for the next ration period.

More supplies of boots, shoes, material for men's suits, sheets, pillowcases, curtains and furnishing fabrics are expected. Priority tickets may not be needed after the New Year for sheets and pillowcases. They may be put on coupons.

The number of extra coupons has not yet been fixed, but it is anticipated it may be anything up to a dozen.

Men are likely to have a wider range of choice in materials for suits and overcoats.

The final details of changes have not been decided.—Reuter.

### Commons Chary Of Debate

London, Dec. 10.

Lobby rumours in the House of Commons yesterday indicated that political leaders might avoid debate this week on the unsuccessful talks between Mr. Attlee and the Indian leaders.

The Press Association, usually well informed, said: "Some Ministers feel that if unwise things were said in debate it would only add to the difficulties of a very awkward situation instead of easing them."

"A ship has already been chartered and will be leaving for Japan to this purpose within the week. You will realize that this is only a temporary measure caused by the fact that we, in Britain, urgently need all year we can obtain to manufacture fabrics to fulfil our obligations

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### "Dangerous Person" Sentenced

New Delhi, Dec. 10.

The body of Ranees Taradevi, Czechoslovak wife of the 74-year-old Maharaja of Kapurthala, an Indian state in Punjab, was found at the foot of Delhi's 12th-century lower Qutab Minar, today.

She is believed to have fallen from the third of the five stories of the 239-foot tower. It appears that she drove in a taxi from her hotel to the tower and, leaving her handbag with the driver, went up the tower. Visiting cards in her bag later disclosed her identity. She came to India with her mother as the guest of the Maharaja a few months before the war and married him four years later.—Reuter.

"I am afraid you are a very dangerous person."

Wanbor said that his dismissal from the part which he had been given with the Old Vic Company caused him to come to the conclusion that there was a deliberate intrigue and hostility against him.—Reuter.

### Far East Troops Walk Off Ship

Liverpool, Dec. 10.

Three hundred troops bound for the Far East walked off the troopship Empress of Scotland at Liverpool last night.

"They complained that conditions on the lower deck were 'small'."

A corporal said that in one men's deck 107 men were crowded into a small room. Another man said he found a "crawling thing" about half an inch long among the bedding. Other complaints were that men had had only one meal since they boarded the ship at 11 p.m. yesterday and that was at 5 p.m.

Water for washing was turned on only at meal times, and men had to wait in queues for three quarters of an hour before they could get to the wash basins.

Most of the men had returned from Singapore in the Empress of Scotland at the end of September.

"We complained of conditions during that voyage," said one of the men, "but they were not remedied."

A colonel went ashore to speak to the men. He told them efforts under conditions where a fair

Industries of Hong Kong having got over the immediate post-war period, our duty as a Mission is to see how we can support Hong Kong in its economy under conditions where a fair

### JAP. BARBARY AND TERROR

Tokyo, Dec. 10.

The Philippine phase of the Tokyo war trials opened today with the unfolding of a story of barbarity and terror by a conqueror, paralleled in history only by the disclosures made at the Nuremberg tribunal in Germany.

The associate prosecutor for the Philippine Republic, Mr. Pedro Lopez, in his opening statement running to 30 pages, presented a picture which he said would conclusively pierce the sham hypocrisy of pious protestations made by the Japanese Government that its conquered areas would receive humanitarian treatment.

He declared that from living witnesses and from Japanese documents, the Philippines would produce evidence to show that the basic policy of Hideki Tojo and his 26 co-defendants "and other leaders of Japan" was to produce "a warlike master race dead set on world conquest."

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He also described the raping of pregnant women and the spearing of babies on sabres.

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He charged that more than 181,028 Filipinos and Americans met death at Japanese hands by murder, cruelty, starvation, torture, assaults, sadistic treatment, "and this figure does not represent war casualties."

Wang promised an indefinite period of blockade until the United States "stopped aid to the Kuomintang," thus forcing a resumption of negotiations and a new approach.

He saw "no hope" of settlement with negotiations on the present lines.

Asked if the "staying power" of the Communists matched the endurance of the Nationalists, Wang said "absolutely," and added "under certain conditions our staying power is much greater."

Wang then made these points: 1. Good American military equipment supplied to the Kuomintang "is gradually losing its efficiency."

2. The American equipment was sometimes a liability because they cannot always use modern weapons and equipment."

3. The Kuomintang was losing more American equipment to Communist units.

4. Morale among Kuomintang officers and men was getting weaker. The people were "sick and tired" with war and are refusing to give recruit supplies to the Government.—Reuter.

### Holland Accepts Java Pact

The Hague, Dec. 10.

The Dutch Government announced today that it would authorize the Commission General to sign the Cebon (United States of Indonesia) agreement.

The Netherlands Minister of Overseas Territories, M. Jan A. Jonkman, told a tense chamber that the words "subject to the approval of Parliament" were to be regarded as having been deleted from the preamble to the agreement.

M. Jonkman said: "By this signature the Netherlands Government binds itself only and exclusively to what has been agreed upon according to the explanation given by the Commission General while strictly observing the statements to be made by the Government in the present session.

The agreement does not determine a new rule of law, but it is meant to give the basis on which it will be framed."

He added that the major part of the agreement — dependent on further negotiation between the Dutch Commission-General and the Indonesian delegation had still to be accomplished.—Reuter.

### Mission Chosen

Nanking, Dec. 10.

Chiang Kai-shek has chosen General Chang Chun, Governor of Szechuan, and Shao Li-tze, prominent Kuomintang negotiator, for a peace mission to Yenan, it was authoritatively learned today.

The decision will be officially communicated to the Communist Office in Nanking through General Marshall or Ambassador Leigh-Stewart-Taylor sometime today.

Whether the trip materializes depends on Communist reaction.

A Communist spokesman in Nanking, however, intimated to pressmen that Yenan in all probability will turn down the proposal if the Government does not consent to consider the two Communist demands for the dissolution of the National Assembly and the restoration of the January 12 cease-fire position.—Associated Press.

### 57 Varieties

Mr. Lopez listed in one para-

graph alone 57 different varieties which the Japanese inflicted upon Filipinos. Many women and children, including drowning, choking, shooting, burying alive, starving, decapitation, crucifying, beating, twisting and breaking hands, legs and arms, gouging out eyes, pulling out tongues, lopping off ears, lashing, water treatment, searing flesh with lighted cigarettes, bayoneting vital organs and burning delicate parts of the body.

Mr. Lopez also presented gruesome details of prison camp atrocities. He recounted the Batman death march, the story of the infamous Camp O'Donnell, and other horrors such as the burning alive of 150 American prisoners with gasoline at Puerto Princesa, Palawan, in 1944, and the slaughter of 225 Americans building a road through the malaria jungles of Tayabas as Japanese slave labour.

"Recordings have also been supplied for broadcasting from the Chinese station at Shanghai," the report states.

The number of the Corporation's staff who died as a result of enemy action during the war was 81; of these 51 died on active service and 30 were civilians on the staff killed in air attacks.

The report refers to "experimental investigation" into "a system of broadcasting on ultra short waves, known as frequency modulation" and adds that results of these are at present being studied.—Reuter.

### NEW EGYPTIAN CABINET

Cairo, Dec. 10.

Socialist Party leader, Mahmoud Fahmy el Nokrashy Pasha succeeded today in forming a new Government pledged to hasten the evacuation of British troops from Egypt and pledged to seek Nile Valley unity with Egypt, with the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan under promise of eventual self-government within the framework of a permanent union with Egypt.

### THE WEATHER

The anticyclone over China has lost intensity. The intense depression N. of Hokkaido is moving slowly N. and the trough associated with the depression passes near the Bonin Islands across Formosa and South China.

Pressure is still low over the equatorial region.

Today's forecast: Fresh E. winds, weather continuing cloudy and misty with scattered drizzle about the hills.

Yesterday's weather: Maximum: 60 deg. Fah. Minimum: 64.5 deg. Fah. Max. Rel. Humidity: 90 per cent.

Sunshine: 3 hours. Rainfall: Nil.

### Anglo-U.S. Talks On Arms Exchange

Washington, Dec. 9.

Political commitments were not implied in an informal exchange of views which has taken place between Britain and the United States, the State Department said today.

There has been no change in policy, a spokesman for the United States to the United Nations.

Reading a formal statement echoing that made today by Mr. Herbert Morrison in the House of Commons, on such exchanges of views, the spokesman said: "It would be a mistake to conclude that this very natural development implies political arrangements or commitments."

"As the Secretary of State said on March 16 this year: 'We do not propose to seek security in alliance with the Soviet Union against Britain, or in an alliance with Britain against the Soviet Union.'

Today's U.S. statement spoke of the reciprocal exchange of weapons during the war. It is natural and inevitable for armed forces to standardize necessary military equipment to the greatest degree practicable. To

accomplish this, the spokesman said: "We believe that the financial saving effected by standardization is considerable. The American people are particularly interested in economy and reducing the cost of Government equipment."

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## First Tea-Money Case

The first case of its kind — concerning tea money — was heard by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould in the Appeal Court yesterday when Cheng Meiyi, of No. 20, Yuk Sau Street, second floor, filed a claim of \$900 against Yeung Wai, of No. 325, Hennessy Road, second floor.

Judgment with costs was awarded to appellant.

According to Mr. Peter Sin for the plaintiff, she paid \$2,900 to Yeung Wai on March 25 for the ground floor of No. 5, Fung Fai Terrace.

She went to the house two days later and was refused admission by the people on the premises, after which she located Yeung and went there again with him. She was again refused entry and was told that the people there did not know Yeung.

At that time, Yeung refunded \$2,000 to her, but failed to give the other \$900.

According to Yeung, he accepted money on behalf of a certain Mrs. Wong who, however, transferred the flat to the appellant through him without the consent of the principal tenant.

Mr. Justice Gould heard the appeal in the third Court set up on Monday specially to hear civil cases in the Supreme Court, as the other two Courts for the Chief Justice and the Puisne Judge were fully occupied by criminal cases.

With the setting up of the third Court, civil cases are expected to be speeded up for hearing.

## Govt. Store Robbery

The theft of blue serge material valued at £1,034, 16s. from the Government Store at North Point on Oct. 29, had a sequel before Mr. E.H. Sainsbury at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when a tallyman, Luk Tai, alias Luk Yiu, 25, was charged with aiding and abetting the larceny, while Mak Fan, 36, fishmonger, was charged with receiving stolen property.

Mr. C.Y. Kwan pleaded "not guilty" for the second defendant. First defendant was not legally represented.

Detective Inspector F. A. Ewins said that Mr. Gilchrist of the Government Store, reported to the Bay View Police Station on Dec. 2 that an employee named Cheung Kam-pun was missing after sick leave. On Dec. 7, eight rolls of blue serge measuring 2,800 yards were stolen from the godown. The missing man was the godown keeper, "who was responsible for the goods, while the first defendant was tallyman employed by the Wang Kee Stevedores in transporting the goods from the godown to Holts wharf.

Cheung's duty was to check articles delivered and signed the tallysheet.

Subsequent enquiries revealed that a tallysheet for 88 rolls of blue serge was signed by Cheung, whereas the actual number of rolls delivered was 80.

Further enquiries revealed that first defendant together with the missing storeman and others had a meeting at the Kam Shing Restaurant, Wanchai. On Oct. 28, and the party decided to get hold of some cargo from the godown. Only the two defendants were arrested. It was understood that the stolen material was sold for \$12,000, and the proceeds divided among the party.

After evidence, second defendant was discharged, while first defendant was convicted and sentenced to six months' hard labour.

## H.K. UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. D. J. Sloss, C.B.E., M.A. to be Chairman of the University Interim Committee with effect from December 7, 1946, in the place of Professor R.K.M. Simpson, M.C., M.A.

Professor Simpson has been appointed a member of the University Interim Committee and Mr. S.V. Boxer, B.Sc. Eng., Dip. Ed., has been appointed Secretary of the Committee in the place of Mr. B. Mellor, M.A., Dip. Ed. (Gron), A.I.C.M., both with effect from December 7.

## Witness Claims:

# JAPANESE DOCTOR SAID: "LET THE MEN DIE"

In the course of testimony at yesterday's War Crimes Trial of Colonel Tokunaga and four other POW Camp Officials, Lieut. Col. E. C. Fredericks, R.A.S.C., declared that when he applied to Saito, second accused, for serum and other medical supplies and pointed that the death rate among POWs would increase if these were not forthcoming, Saito replied: "Well, let the men die."

Cross-examined yesterday, Dr. J.W. Anderson said that the general condition of Lieut. Bowker at the time he took ill was fairly good and above the average of other Officers. He died on the operating table before any operation could be actually carried out. He was of opinion that if Lieut. Bowker had been operated upon 24 hours after the symptoms became apparent, he would have been saved. There was still some hope even after 48 hours.

Witness could not give the exact number of dysentery cases from North Point Camp as the records had been destroyed by Saito.

Witness personally made an offer, in the presence of Saito, to go out and obtain serum, but the offer was not accepted. Witness drew a diagram showing places where purchases could be made in the hope that Cpl. Seino might be sent out. A Lieut. Campbell did go out on one or two occasions with Cpl. Seino to make purchases, but he did not go on the occasion that the sketch was drawn.

Lieut. Col. Fredericks said that after the departure of the G.O.C. Major, General Malby, in April 1942, he was informed by the Japanese that he would be responsible for order and good behaviour in Camp. Shortly after the G.O.C. left, witness complained to the Camp Commandant about the frequent beatings which were being given to POWs for no apparent reason or for trivial reasons.

### No Rights

Witness was informed in reply that as POWs had surrendered unconditionally, they had no rights at all and any sentry was justified in taking whatever action he thought fit against them.

At Shamshui Po Camp, the huts were in a very overcrowded and shocking condition. They were without doors and windows and the roofs were leaking. Latrine and washing arrangements were the very worst imaginable. Witness applied for extra huts, of which there were an adequate number, to be allotted to POWs, but the applications were ignored.

During the diphtheria epidemic in particular, witness asked that an empty hut be made available so that diphtheria contact cases might be segregated, but this request was also refused. Representations were made to the Camp Commandant.

In the case of the hut for segregation cases, application was made to Saito.

Witness repeatedly applied to Saito for serum, drugs and medical supplies for hospitals, but was always informed that none of these items were available for POWs. Witness informed Saito that if the items required were not forthcoming, the death rate would increase. Saito's reply was: "Well, let the men die." Major Robertson was Senior British Medical Officer in Camp. Witness remembered the occasion on which Major Robertson applied to Saito for permission to send a patient to St. Teresa's Hospital for better treatment, but Saito refused, saying: "The man cannot be taken out; let him die." The man died next day.

### Nothing Done

Despite representations to the Camp Commandant and Tokunaga, nothing at all was done to better the lot of POWs. If a man reported sick after the morning Parade State had been made out, he was not allowed to go to Hospital, but had to go on parade. Witness had seen many men carried on parade in stretchers and left in pouring rain, to be carried back again after the parade. Many POWs who were suffering from acute pellagra and beriberi and who could hardly walk had to hobble out on two sticks. These men usually left Camp half an hour earlier in order to be on parade in time. Regardless of how ill a man was, he had to be on parade.

The Japanese laid down a ration scale, but never once did POWs receive the amount to which they were entitled. When the rations came, they were invariably short and if any complaint was made by POWs, they were beaten. Sometimes for no apparent reason or because he was bad tempered, the Japanese N.C.O. who brought the rations would drive off after a portion of the rations had been unloaded. On these occasions, the POWs never received the balance of their day's rations. On occasions, the Japanese would come in and take away part of what the POWs had received. Repeated requests were made for clothing and blankets. Up to the time of their release from Camp, all that POWs had received were a few old top coats which were given to men who left by the first draft for Japan.

An inspection of the Camp was carried out by a Red Cross representative from Shanghai as well as the one from Hong Kong. Tokunaga came to the Camp and decided upon the tour of inspection. When the Red Cross representatives arrived,

## Canton Health Regulations

It has been announced by the National Health Administration (Canton Quarantine Service) that in future everybody entering Canton must have been vaccinated against smallpox at least 14 days before.

The Hong Kong health authorities point out that as a result of this new regulation, people intending to go to Canton should continue to get their certificates from the Port Health Office, Fire Brigade Building.

Although vaccinations at the Kowloon Railway Station will continue, passengers going to Canton are urged not to wait until the day of departure before being vaccinated. If they do, they will be refused entry to Canton.

## Hong Kong Property In Japan

The Allied Authorities in Japan are seeking information concerning property appropriated by the Japanese and later from Hong Kong.

It is important that all such concern only property definitely known to have been removed, and about which there is evidence as to the date of removal and to where it was sent.

The authorities are mainly concerned with removals of property to Japan. However, reports will also be accepted where definite evidence exists of property removed to Japanese-occupied areas such as Canton, Hainan and Singapore.

Property owners who can submit information, that may be of value to the Allied Authorities, with a view to locating removed properties, are requested to communicate with the Reparations Claims Registration Office, 1st floor, General Post Office Building, not later than Saturday, December 28, 1946.

### TRIED BRIBE

Pleading guilty to having attempted to bribe a Chinese Sub-inspector of Police, an earth-coolie, Tsang Sang, was sentenced to one month's hard labour when he appeared at Kowloon Court yesterday.

Defendant and three other men were caught removing about 1,000 bricks from a demolished house in Matauwei Road, near Tai Wo Road. A bribe of \$20 was offered by Tsang. On the larceny charge, Tsang and the others three were sentenced to three months' hard labour.

The following names have been added to the Wives' Priority List: 205A—Janet Dunlop Wallace BARDELL 212A—Sybil Mary Kate LAMONT 276B—Christina MacLENNAN 278N—Doris Mary THOMSON 286—Jean DICKSON.

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# GOVERNOR'S APPEAL FOR SUPPORT OF S.P.C.

The splendid work of the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children received the admiration and appreciation of His Excellency the Governor who, in a speech at yesterday's first post-war annual meeting of the Society, made a strong appeal to the public to give support to the Society.

His Excellency said no institution was worthier of public support and sympathy, and he assured the Society that Government would give the utmost in its power to help in furthering its aims and objects.

The meeting was presided over by the President, the Hon. Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, C.B.E., and with him on the platform were His Excellency the Governor and Lady Young, Mr. F. P. Franklin, Mr. G. P. de Martin, Sir Shouson Chow, Mr. Aneurin Jones, Dr. Lee Hui Liang, Mr. Wong Chi-po and Mrs. M. Barker (Hon. General Secretary).

Opening the meeting Mr. Hazlerigg said:

"This is the first annual general meeting of the Society since 1940, and it gives me great pleasure to welcome here our Patron, His Excellency the Governor and Lady Young. Since the last meeting the Society has suffered grievous losses, both human and material. Many of the officers and members have lost their lives. Our centres have been completely destroyed, and our staff and inspectors dispersed. However this is not the time to lament past losses. I mention them just to emphasize the fact that when we restarted in April last we did so practically from scratch. We did, however, inherit certain things from the old Society. We had some knowledge of its problems and how these problems should be handled. Above all, we inherited the nucleus of officers and members of the Society who still survived, and some of the inspectors here were prepared to rejoin the service of the Society.

## Task Greater

"The task ahead of us today is the same as what it was before, namely, to ensure that the lot of children of the unfortunate under-privileged class should be made easier. Work has been made a thousand more difficult by conditions brought about by the war and the enemy occupation, and the situation has been aggravated by present conditions in China. Evil housing conditions are still with us—in fact they are much worse than before the war. Overcrowding has never been a more pressing problem than it is today. Many of the people we are out to help live in shacks and ruins of what used to be houses. We shall have a greater number of destitutes to care for in the future."

## New Awakening

"Lots of people in Hong Kong say that conditions here will never be what they were before. I hope they will not, and they never will. There has been a new awakening here and in other parts of the Empire—an awakening to the need of social welfare work. Hong Kong has been backward, but I am not letting out any State secret when I tell you that plans are afoot for the betterment of the lot of the masses here, and the lot of the children will not be overlooked. Social conditions will be improved, and men and women of all races willing to shoulder their share of responsibility will be called upon to work towards that end. What in the past was merely the ideal of a few will

## Main Problem

"Our immediate problem is accommodation. All our centres have been destroyed, and we have to hire floors which is

soon become the common aim of the people as a whole."

## H.E.'s Speech

Rising to speak amid loud applause, His Excellency the Governor said the two thoughts uppermost in the minds of all present were the complete sympathy with the aims of the Society and admiration for the manner in which its aims and objects were being carried out. It was difficult, he said, to conceive any organisation which received more universal approval, than this one, devoted as it was to the protection of the young.

There were good number of cranks in this world, said His Excellency, whose likes and dislikes were at times amusing and odd. There were those who hated their fellow men, whom we termed misanthropes; and there were those who hated women. There were others who hated mankind in general. But crank or no crank he believed there was no person or class of person who was anti-pathetic to children. Such a class was simply non-existent. Whether in civilised or that matter, uncivilised community, there was no place for a hater of children. In this respect, the love of children, there was common ground in mankind.

## Society's Goal

"We are therefore most definitely in sympathy with the objects and aims of this Society whose goal is most aptly set out in the following paragraph of the Society's constitution which I will read out:

"To protect children and young persons by preventing, removing or mitigating any wrongs or injustices done to them; to safeguard their morals; to prevent any act which causes or is likely to cause them unnecessary suffering or injury to their health; and generally to protect the interests of children."

"It would be difficult to add anything to that excellent statement, and it is worthy of support in every possible way from every one of us."

"And now I must refer to the way in which these objects and aims are being carried out. I can speak for Government that the wonderful work which you active members of the Society are performing is highly appreciated and admired, and Government feels that the utmost support should be given to you in the pursuit of your noble objects."

"In a society of this sort there are three sorts of people supporting it. First there are the actual workers. I have read their names in this paper, and I have heard what the President has said about their work. I offer my tribute of sincere appreciation of what they are doing. The next class consists of those who are unable to give personal services but who make genuine sacrifices by contributing financially to the work of the Society. To them, too, very cordial thanks are due and the children benefit from their generosity. The third class are those who have not found or taken an opportunity of giving personal service or made any real sacrifice to support the work of the Society, and to them I would say that there is room in Class I, and if they prefer Class II there is more room still; and I suggest that they take steps immediately to seek, in fact insist upon, promotion to the two upper classes."

## New President

The Chairman then proposed a vote of thanks to His Excellency for the inspiration and encouragement he had given the Society and its workers, and the proposal was responded to with prolonged acclamation.

The report and accounts of the Society for 1941 and 1946 were

# Money Mart

Prices again appreciated yesterday, jumping to \$18.00 per 100 after opening at \$16.30 though in the course of the day's fluctuation it went down as low as \$15.80 for a while. Closing rate was \$16.70.

Gold on the other hand dropped. Opening at \$228 a tael it fell to \$224, but rallied slightly to \$225.50 at the close.

Chinese National Currency was again lifeless, and rates were nominal at 70 cents for futures and \$1.05 for spot (for C.N.S. \$1,000).

U.S. dollars had buyer at 4.85. Sterling and Australian pounds were unchanged at \$15.40 and \$12.55 respectively.

## Shanghai Exchange

Closing Shanghai quotations as cabled by Associated Press:

**Buying Selling**  
CNS CNS

Gold per ounce 280,000 287,000

U.S. Dollars 5,000 5,100

H.K. Dollars 1,000 1,000

Shanghai, Dec. 10.

Four bodies have been found amid the debris of what was the city's largest stadium which had been used since the Japanese occupation for ammunition storage, as workers started to clean up the premises following Saturday's and Sunday's severe explosion and fire. Six others are missing.

United Press:

adopted; votes of thanks were proposed and unanimously carried to the Hon. Auditors, Messrs. Percy Smith & Co., for auditing the accounts, and to the Press, both English and Chinese, for the support and publicity given to the work and appeals of the Society.

All the officers of the Society were re-elected, and as the Hon. Mr. Hazlerigg would be proceeding Home in February, Mr. G. P. de Martin, M.B.E., was elected to the Presidency.

"It is not customary for the President to express thanks for the services of workers of the Society, but in this case I feel that custom or no custom, I cannot refrain from expressing grateful thanks to all those who had worked so hard to set the Society on its feet again. In this connection I must sing out the invaluable services of Mrs. M. Barker, the Hon. General Secretary, and the two branch secretaries, Mr. R. A. Joscelyne and Mrs. W. H. Latimer, who were indefatigable in their efforts to get results. They and their co-workers contributed materially to the active rehabilitation of the Society's work."

"And to the voluntary workers of the Society we are, as we have always been, tremendously indebted. It is the policy of the Society that none of the money contributed by the public goes to payment of salaries of workers or administrative expenses. The money is given for promoting the welfare of children, and it is devoted to this one and only purpose."

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Former Members returning to the Colony are requested to register their names with the Treasurers, Messrs. Percy Smith & Co., on arrival if they wish to continue membership.

By Order of the Committee.

CYRIL BELL,  
Hon. Secretary,  
Hongkong Cricket Club.

Mr. D. W. Munton has been appointed Secretary. All Correspondence in connection with Club Matters should in future be addressed to him at Room 212, Windsor House, Tel. 32340.

D. H. Blake,  
Captain.

On each day the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through numbers for the three days (24 Races—\$48) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, also tickets (\$2.—each) in the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby to be run on the second day, Tuesday, 14th January.

13th, 14th, and 18th Jan.

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1. Full name and address of the registered shareholder.

2. Number of shares.

3. Strip numbers.

4. Distinguishing numbers of shares.

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Dated at Hong Kong this 29th day of July, 1946.

R. TAYLOR,  
Manager & Secretary.

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### GERMAN ECONOMY

The most interesting and perhaps the only hopeful answers given by Stalin in his remarkable interview with Hugh Baillie, president of the United Press, concerned the future of Germany. Asked in question twelve whether he considered that "the level permitted industry should be raised above the agreed level to permit Germany to pay her way more fully," Stalin replied, "Yes, I do." Asked in question fourteen, "Should the German people be allowed to reconstruct their industry and trade and become self-supporting?" he replied, "Yes, they should." These two answers are contrary to the principles laid down at Potsdam in July 1945 regarding the Allied Control of Germany, when it was agreed that Allied controls should be imposed on German economy "to assure the production of goods and services . . . essential to maintain in Germany average living standards not exceeding the average of the standards of living of European countries." In addition stringent controls were placed upon German production of steel and on other German industries. As a result of the Potsdam agreement, the situation in Germany is rapidly deteriorating, and this is affecting the situation of Europe as a whole. The key to recovery of course is the Ruhr. In a letter to the "London Times," Professor Findlay Shirras, who has recently returned from seven months in Germany as Director of Public Revenue and General Finance in the British Zone, has described the state of affairs in the Ruhr today. He points out that a vicious circle exists, in that without more coal the production of steel is restricted and without more steel the production of coal is restricted. The professor goes on to quote figures that show how the present output of coal in the Ruhr is less than half of what it was before the war. Steel production is only 30 per cent of the pre-war volume. And this in spite of the fact that destruction of plant and equipment accounts for a loss of only 10 per cent of coal production, and 15 per cent of steel. The reason for the Potsdam ruling was, of course, to ensure against the possibility of German rearmament. But there is a perfectly adequate way of doing this without depriving all Europe of much-needed steel. Before the war Germany had to import 80 per cent of all the iron ore she required for steel manufacture. And even with the scrap now available in her bombed cities she would still have to import nearly all the ore she would need for full-scale production today. Instead of limiting her production, why not closely control her supplies of raw material? An international authority could very easily check the amount of steel produced in the Ruhr against the amount of ore imported from other countries. The same authority could be responsible for the handling of all the steel produced, and ensure a fair distribution for peaceful purposes throughout Europe. In this way the Ruhr industries could be restored to full production without fear of them being used for the manufacture of armaments. With the present European shortage of steel and coal it is sheer stupidity to strangle the greatest production centre of the continent. Without a prosperous Ruhr there never can be a prosperous Europe.

Chief Secret  
The chief secret of Basic English is the limiting of words by doing without "verbs"—by putting sixteen "operators" to do the work of the 4,000 common verbs in normal English. These "operators" are:

COME, GIVE, GO, KEEP, LET, MAKE, PUT, SEEM, TAKE, DO, BE, HAVE, SAY, SEE, SEND, MAY & WILL.

The effect of this is that words to which we give the name "verbs" become things or nouns. Such words, then as DIE, LOVE, HATE, LIVE are unable to be used in the normal way. I may be in love, or have a feeling or love, or make love, but I am not able to use the word love as a verb. "My death" may take place, I may be put to death, or I may be dead, but I am not able to say that I have or he has died. This may at first seem to be a round-about way of talking or writing, but it is not a small price to pay for limiting the use of words to so small a number? There is no suggestion that by the learning of Basic one is able to become a second Shakespeare or Macaulay.

The purpose is to give persons without any knowledge of English a working use of that language in the simplest possible form—so simple in fact that the learning will be less difficult than that of any other strange language.

There is not time today even if I had the desire to give you full details of the Basic system. Possibly what would be of greater interest would be some examples of Basic at work.

Some of the simplest English is in the Bible. The first verses are so near Basic that when I say them in Basic you will not have a sense that they are strange:

1. First God made the heaven and the earth.

2. And the earth was without form, and there was nothing in it; and the dark was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters.

3. And God said let there be light; and there was light.

4. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God made a division between the light and the dark.

5. And God gave the name of day to the light, and to the dark he gave the name of night. And the night and the morning were the first day.

Newer Example

And now that I come to the end of my talk let me give you a newer example. Basic English has the support of one of the most respected of living Englishmen—Mr. Winston Churchill. In talk that he gave at Harvard University while the war was still on he put forward the argument that

## PRINCIPLES OF BASIC ENGLISH

It was a Cambridge man, Professor C. K. Ogden, who after a number of serious tests, put forward the system now known as Basic English. Experience has given good reasons for the belief that in this invention we have a discovery that is the answer to past attempts to get a true international language.

In this system the number of basic words is limited to 850, though there are in addition short lists for special purposes like science, trade you may have a feeling of surprise that normal

language.

An Extract from the Talk by Mr.

### H.G.W. WOODHEAD

At yesterday's meeting of the Rotary Club

with so small a list of words. In fact at first thought it does not seem possible.

All of this talk is being given in Basic English, and, I may say that it is not being given without great effort on my part. For I am not an expert in writing or talking this limited form of English and every word has had to be tested by the Basic word list before it has been put down on paper. So my talk is not as smooth or as clear as that of a man whose knowledge of English is limited to Basic words. But if I were not an Englishman, if I were, say, a Chinese or a Korean who three months back had no knowledge of English, you might have a feeling of surprise if I were to give this talk today. For it is the argument of those responsible for the invention of Basic English that the learning of the full-list of Basic words takes only 23 hours for a normal person, and that a simple knowledge of the system can be got within four weeks if four or the learning of it. Though the five hours a day are given up to Basic list in limited to 850 words expansion is made possible by the use of simple rules, such as putting words together, and the addition of "er", "ing", and "ed" in such examples as "design", "farm", "train". (Farm, farmer, farming, farmed.) Simpler forms are used in place of complex words. You "get off a ship," instead of "disembarking." You may be "full" of fight" instead of "pugnacious" and so on.

First. Their countries seek no aggrandizement, territorial or other.

Second. They desire to see no territorial changes that do not accord with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned.

Third. They respect the right of all peoples to choose the form of government under which they will live; and they wish to see sovereign rights and self-government restored to those who have been forcibly deprived of them.

In Basic English

The President of the United States & the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, representing His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, being met together, deemed it right to make known certain common principles in the national policies of their respective countries on which they base their hopes for a better future for all nations.

First, their countries will do nothing to make themselves stronger by taking more land or increasing their power in any other way.

Second. They have no desire for any land to be handed over from one nation to another without the freely-voiced agreement of the men and women whose interests are in question.

Third. They take the view that all nations have the right to say what form of government they will have; and it is their desire to see their self-government and rights as independent nations given back to those from whom they have been taken away by force.

After hearing these two examples is it possible for anyone here to say that the needs of normal international and political relations are outside the range of this new system? Only if you take the view that the number of words used is the test of the value of a common language is it possible to put forward the argument that Basic does not have the qualities needed for international use.

Basic, in addition, may be looked upon as the door to normal English, for once a person has a knowledge of Basic it is quite simple to get the sense of almost any word common use, from the pages of special dictionaries which have been printed for this purpose.

significance would be to the world if they were true.

We get one interesting slant

from John M. Hightower, Associated Press diplomatic correspondent.

He reported that many top western diplomatic officials, noting that Stalin has stayed in the background for months have concluded that if Stalin is not in ill health he is becoming a prophet and philosopher of Soviet Communism.

Whether you admire him or dislike him the fact remains that Stalin is—or has been—one of the most powerful leaders the world ever has known.

Whether the strength of

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

### GO RIGHT BACK TO HIM

It seldom occurs to the rank and file of No Trump game declarer to return the suit originally led, when they try to build up the trick or two required in addition to those which are certain. Practically always, they go after finesse in some other suit, or suits, or else endeavour to set up one or more low cards. That may be sound enough in most cases, but in some situations the only sure success lies in going right back at the opening leader with his own suit.

West led back his diamond 5 and the J finesse lost to the K. All of South's efforts for the ninth trick having failed, he ran his set up tricks after East returned the spade 3, scoring the A and K, the diamond A and a spade to the Q. Then he gave up the final trick with the heart K to the A.

South's sure path to game after winning the opener with the heart 9, was to lead hearts immediately and then again when he got in. That would have produced a second heart trick for him, regardless of what the defenders did, assuring his contract.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. A. 7 4 2  
H. 9 8 4  
D. 10 3  
C. A. K. 4 2

S. K. J. 3  
H. 9 8 2  
D. 10 3  
C. A. K. 4 2

S. 10 6  
H. A. Q. 8 7 2  
D. Q. 7 2  
C. 10 9 8

(Dealer North East-West vulnerable.)

After normal bidding, what is West's best defense against South's 4-Hearts on this deal?

## CARNIVAL



By Dick Turner

## ARMY LEGAL AID CLARIFIED

Regrets for any inconvenience caused by his remarks were expressed in the Divorce Court by the barrister who last week stated that nine-nine per cent of letters submitted to the Army Legal Aid Section got mislaid before cases were heard.

Asking leave to make a statement before the business of the Court, Mr. St. John Harmsworth mentioned that during a case in which he was engaged last week he had occasion to question a petitioner about a letter from his wife which he had passed to the Legal Aid Section to and which the petitioner maintained was the last he heard of it.

"I informed court that, in my limited experience, once documents got into the hands of the Legal Aid Section, it was very rare that they saw the light of day again. Since making these remarks, I have had the workings of the Legal Aid Section explained to me."

It appeared that were a number of authorities to which soldiers could entrust documents. They could be sent to Pay authorities in support of applications to discontinue allowances, to authorities dealing with compassionate postings and to other organisations dealing with the domestic affairs of the soldier generally.

There seemed to be some confusion in the serviceman's mind as to the particular body dealing with his affairs and he tended to classify them all as Legal Aid. A considerable number of documents said to have been passed to Legal Aid Section never in fact reached that body at all. It was now obvious to him that the Legal Aid Section took the most stringent precautions to safeguard documents and he expressed his regret for any inconvenience which his remarks might have caused.

An official of the Army Legal Section stated: "When a man goes to the Legal Aid Section he hands in the original documents. The Section prepares the case and when everything is ready the complete file is sent to the Home Command Section for necessary action culminating in the setting down for trial."

When the war was on and it was realised that mail planes and ships were being lost no original documents were sent until photocopies were made and certified by the officer-in-charge as being true copies. Consequently no originals were lost as a result of enemy action. There was a certified true copy which could be produced in court and accepted by the court.

He has directed Soviet foreign affairs and he is given credit for having directed the unceasing crusade to communicate the world.

Who takes over that job?

### BIGGER ANXIETY

It strikes me those who have been worried and fearful because Stalin was in power will find a bigger anxiety in getting the answer to that.

What single individual is capable of stepping into that Generalissimo's shoes and keeping an iron hand on that great Russian machine which reaches across two continents?

Of course there are capable leaders in Russia.

Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov is one and he seems to stand next to Stalin.

The two old Bolsheviks

who have worked together since their youth.

But even exceptional ability is not enough to fill Stalin's job.

# WRANGLE AT LAST BROKEN

## United Nations Makes Progress In New York

### New Disarmament Resolution

Lake Success, Dec. 10.

A United Nations sub-committee today broke up a protracted wrangle on troops and disarmament, and virtually completed work on the resolution for worldwide reduction and regulation of arms.

The action represented a victory for France, Egypt and India in pressing for the inclusion in the general disarmament resolution of a provision relating to the withdrawal of troops from alien territories and for considering the United States security forces in connection with disarmament steps.

The jam was broken by two factors:

Paul Henri Spaak, the Assembly President, who evidently became more annoyed as the wrangling continued, told the delegates to cease "wasting time" on "irrelevant matters."

Sir Hartley Shawcross, the British delegate, asked the delegates to consider what the newspapers would say about them at this meeting and urged them not to become a "laughing stock."

## Other Business

Elsewhere in the United Nations:

1. The Economic committee passed a resolution, giving the United States and other countries with food to spare, direct control over where and how it will be used.

2. Australia lashed at Russia for its refusal to go to San Francisco, if the United Nations chose that city as a permanent home.

Under the United States plan, the eventual selection will be made from New York, Boston or the Philadelphia areas, with San Francisco eliminated. A lengthy meeting of the political Committees and Sub-committees, considering disarmament, produced tortuous arguments over French and Egyptian proposals which finally were merged into a clarifying resolution, by the Indian delegate, Mr. Justice Chagla.

On Brazil's demand, the resolution was voted on in three parts. The committee approved part one which stated that the General Assembly regarding the problem of security as closely

connected with that of disarmament, recommends that the Security Council accelerate as much as possible, the placing at its disposal of the armed forces mentioned in article 48 of the Charter which provides for an international police force."

## U.S. Amendment

Part two recommended that the Governments undertake the progressive and balanced withdrawal of forces. The committee then adopted the third part—originally put forward by Egypt—by 14 to 3.

This section recommends "early withdrawal of forces stationed in the territories of member states without their consent and the demobilisation of national forces."

The United States insisted on an amendment—which Egypt accepted—exempting "troops abroad in accord in accordance with treaties."—Associated Press.

## No Thoroughfare

Washington, Dec. 9.

The State Department today confirmed reports that the United States Consul General, Mr. Edmund Clubb, has been prevented by Chinese Communists from taking over his post in Harbin.

Mr. Clubb will continue to carry out consular duties in Changchun, 150 miles south of Harbin.

The Department spokesman said the reported reason for the Communist refusal to admit Mr. Clubb to Harbin was that the United States was aiding Chiang Kai-shek in the Chinese civil war.—United Press.

## NO "DUMPING"

Canberra, Dec. 10. The Australian Minister of Information, Mr. A. A. Caldwell, declared today that the Government will not tolerate wholesale dumping in Australia of European migrants of any religion, race or rec-

## Grim Story Of Massacre

Manila, Dec. 10.

A prosecution witness testified at the war crimes trial of Warrant Officer Sadaaki Konishi today that the Japanese ordered the bayonetting of six-year-old James Gardner, an American boy, when he was found to be still alive after his parents, David and Florence Gardner, had been executed.

The witness said that James who was tied to the hands of his mother was crying and calling "Mama" when he was killed. The execution followed the freeing of 3,000 Allied internees at the Los Banos internment camp in February of 1945 during which Konishi barely escaped the fire of paratroopers and guerrillas.

The Gardners lived outside the camp.

Two other witnesses, Matilde Chu, and her sister, Mindy Chu said Konishi was responsible for the massacre of Ang Kayling, a Chinese resident of Los Banos and all members of his household and 60 unarmed Filipino and Chinese civilians as revenge for the raid.—Associated Press.

## Gen. Franco Remains Defiant

Madrid, Dec. 10.

Generalissimo Franco, climaxing a demonstration described by the controlled press as "a national plebiscite against foreign interference," told the crowds massed before the national Palace yesterday: "They will not take away our victory."

He appeared on the palace balcony before demonstrators estimated variously to number between 60,000 and 100,000.

For three hours the demonstrators marched through the heart of Madrid without incident.

All foreign Embassies were heavily guarded with the most elaborate precautions in front of the French Embassy where additional plain clothesmen and mounted police had been added to the guard.

He ended his speech with words from the Falange hymn, "Face to the sun—it is beginning to dawn in Spain."—Associated Press.

## Assembly Discussion

Lake Success, N.Y., Dec. 9.

The recommendation that members of the United Nations break off diplomatic relations with General Franco's Government in Spain, adopted by the sub-committee appointed to consider the matter, came before the Political Committee of the General Assembly for discussion here today.

Strong feelings have been aroused by the subject, especially among the Latin-American delegations and a long argument reduced about the method of voting.

Dr. G. Bell, of Cuba, in an impassioned plea against breaking off relations, said: "My Government, even if a rupture were recommended would not accept this recommendation. No country will dictate to my country what policy it will follow in regard to other countries."

The first operative clause, recommending that Spain should be debarred from membership (Continued at foot of next Col.)

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The preamble, which contained parts of the United States, Polish and Belgian proposals condemning the Franco Government, was adopted without division.

The first operative clause, recommending that Spain should be debarred from membership

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## NEW MATCH

Osceola, N.Y., Dec. 9. A convenience offered to servicemen during the war soon will be available to civilians. The Diamond Match Company has begun the manufacture of water-resistant matches at the rate of 7,500,000 daily. The matches, which will light while wet, are guaranteed to function even after complete submersion for four hours.—United Press.

## In Moscow Next

New York, Dec. 10. The Foreign Ministers' council decided today that its next meeting—on the German peace settlement—should begin in Moscow on March 10 after M. Molotov had assured Mr. Byrnes that the conference could be fully reported to the world.

Byrnes made it clear that he had no intention of going to Europe for another round of peacemaking unless he was convinced real progress could be made on the German settlement.—Associated Press.

The Russian Foreign Minister, M. Vyacheslav Molotov, today conferred privately with the Secretary of State, James F. Byrnes, in what was believed to be an effort to iron out broad differences in the two countries' approach to the German treaty.

The conference came as the Big Four opened discussions on the German settlement and endeavoured to complete work by this weekend. It is believed the two sought to bring into line the Soviet proposal that all consideration on the German treaty be postponed until early next year and Mr. Byrnes' recommendation that special Deputies should go to work at once.—United Press.

## ATTACK ON YENAN?

Nanking, Dec. 9.

Radio Yenan today claimed that five or six regiments of General Hu Tsung-nan's army had launched a big-scale attack toward Yenan from the southern part of the Communist border region, penetrating ten miles into the Red pocket.

The broadcast said the Nationalists in the initial drive captured two small towns, Liulinchen and Yangchijian. Liulinchen is about 90 miles south of Yenan.

The broadcast indicated that Hu's troops started from the Lunghai Railway zone.—United Press.

## Lebanon Cabinet Resigns

Beirut, Dec. 9.

Saddi el Mulla, Premier of Lebanon, today confirmed that his Cabinet would resign tomorrow.

According to Parliamentary circles, the resignation is due to severe criticism of the Government's economic policy and the intention of some deputies to present a motion in Parliament withdrawing their confidence.—Reuter.

## Forthcoming Avalanche

San Francisco, Dec. 9.

Nine hundred Protestant missionaries arrived here to begin last minute preparations to sail to the Far East. Most of them sail for China on next Sunday aboard the Marine Lynx.—United Press.

## London Tragedy

London, Dec. 9.

A woman and her two and a half year-old son lost their lives in a fire which broke out early today in Willesden Lane, London.

The victim, Mrs. Anne Wells, aged 29, wife of Montague Wells, aged 37, and their son John were brought down a 60-foot fire escape by firemen, but were found to be dead from suffocation on arrival at a hospital.—Reuter.

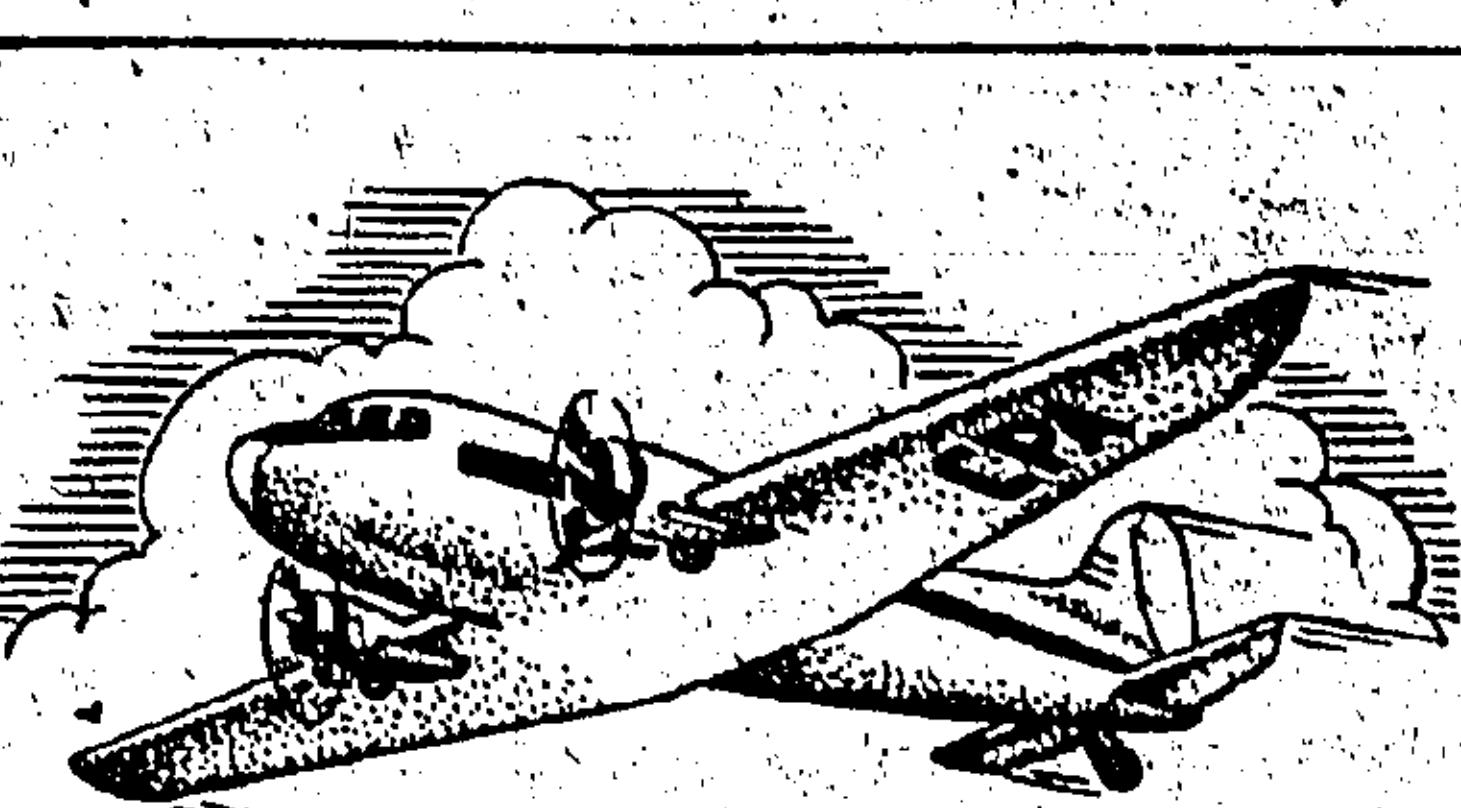
## YUGOSLAV CLAIM

Paris, Dec. 9.

Yugoslavia has asked France to inform the Council of Foreign Ministers that she wants to take part in the Council's forthcoming discussions on Germany and Austria as a state directly interested in peace settlements with those countries. It was learned semi-officially here tonight.

The Yugoslav Foreign Minister, according to reports here, emphasized his country's interest in the territorial and economic clauses of the peace treaty with Austria.—Reuter.

of the United Nations' international agencies until a new and acceptable Government was formed. The carried by 32 votes to 5, with eight abstentions.—Reuter.



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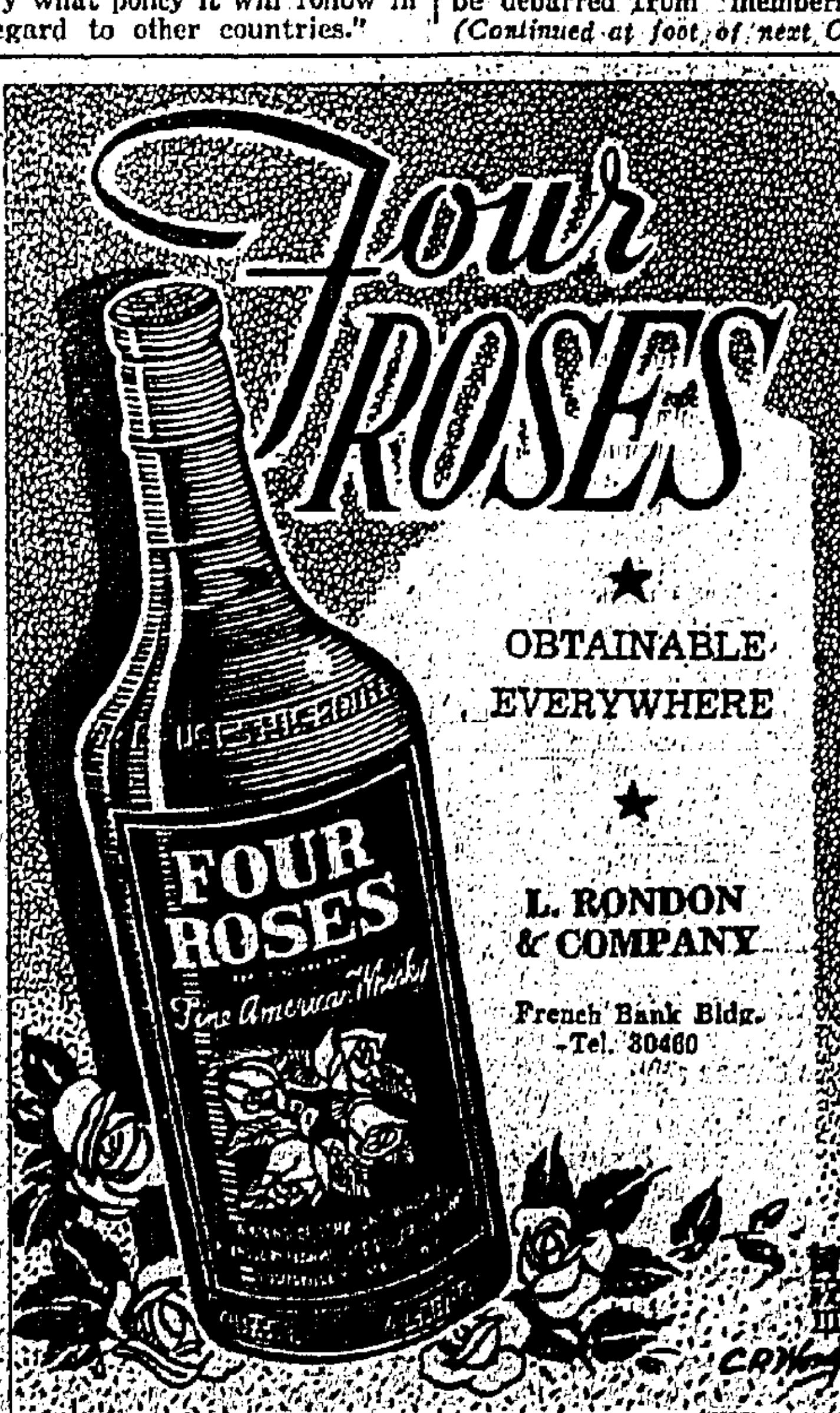
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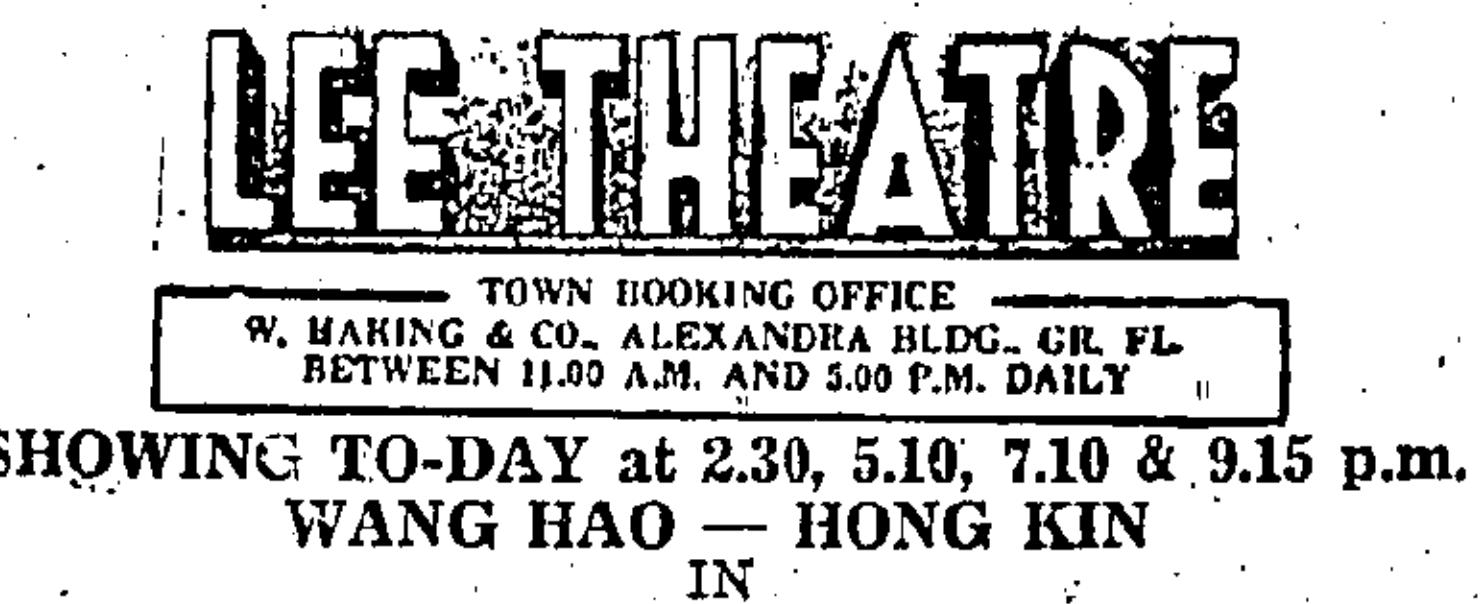
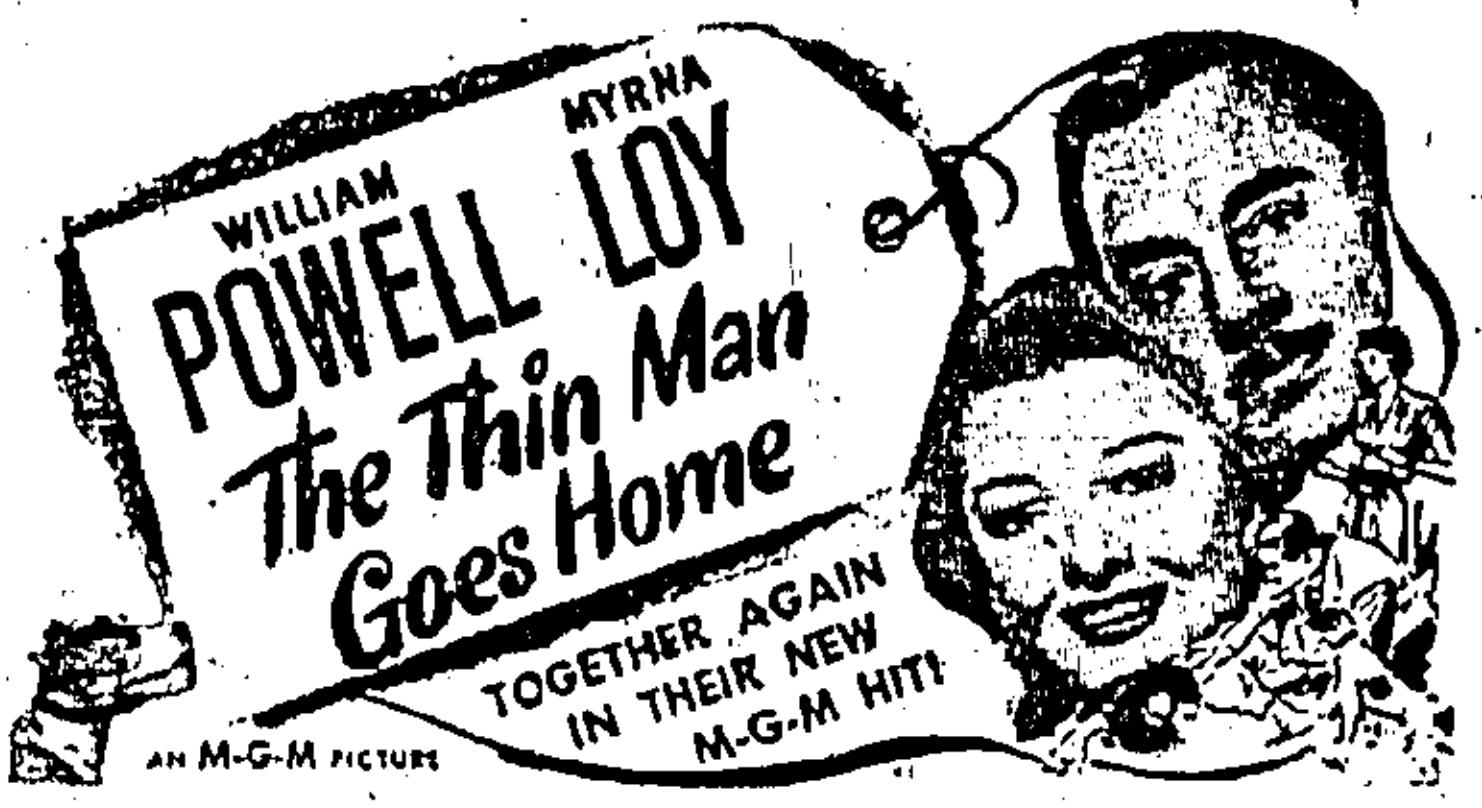
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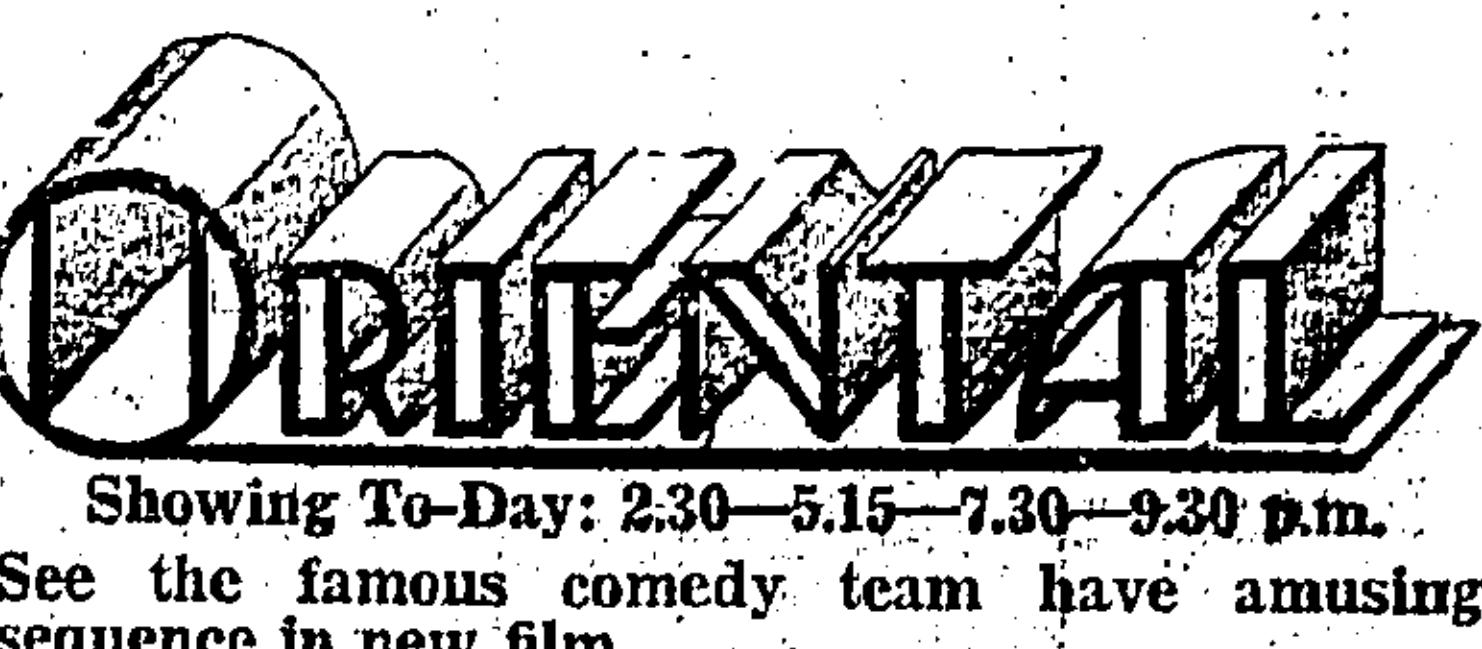
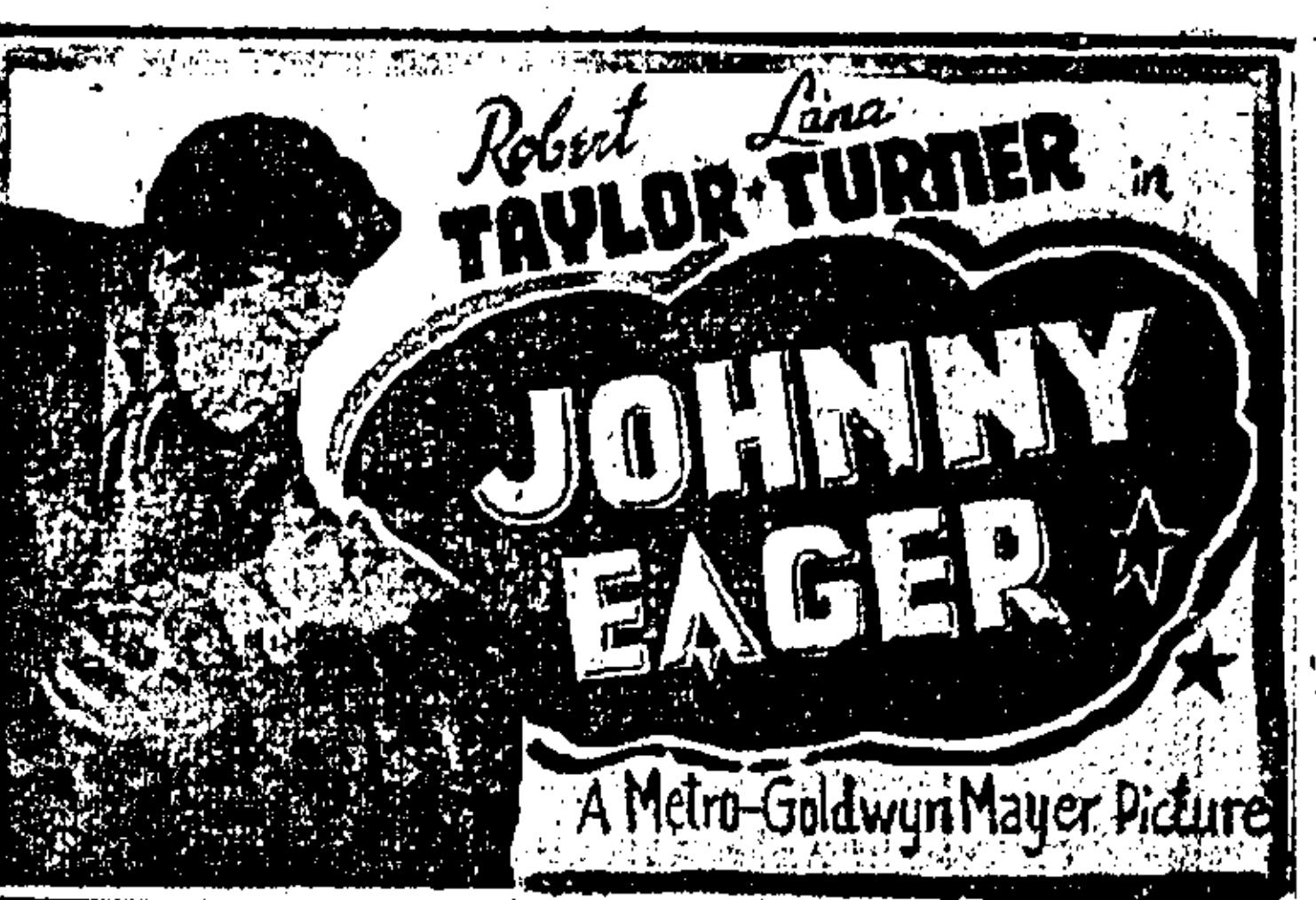


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# AUSTERITY FOR FRANCE

## Grave Warning By Minister Of Finance

### COUNTRY ON ROAD TO BANKRUPTCY

#### Vikings Grounded

London, Dec. 10. The British European Airways Corporation announced yesterday that its Vickers Vikings have been grounded temporarily because they develop "a tendency toward instability" under icing conditions.

BEAC had seven Vikings in service on December 1, all on continental European routes. Thirty-seven others are to be delivered by the end of February. Technicians held a meeting yesterday to consider structural changes which would make it possible to use them for cold weather flying. —Associated Press.

#### LISBON ORDER

Lisbon, Dec. 10. The police have ordered Joseph Arthur Perlo, former assistant financial attaché of the United Stateslegation, to leave Lisbon by midnight on Tuesday. They decline to give any reason. —Associated Press.

Paris, Dec. 9. The French Minister of Finance, M. Robert Schuman, in the most thorough and drastic balance sheet of French economy ever drawn up, Britain's policy of austerity as an example to be followed urgently by France if bankruptcy and impoverishment are to be avoided. The report, which covers hundreds of pages and gives figures never before publicly accessible, will be submitted to the Finance Commission of the National Assembly by M. Schuman as the first shot in the campaign for a severely economical budget and for a radical change in the manner in which the state's numerous commercial and industrial enterprises are being run.

It throws the spotlight on the position of recently nationalised banks, insurance companies, aviation factories and coal and power industries, on the growth of bureaucracy, the chronic state of budget deficit and extravagant military expenditure.

The striking figures in the report indicate that France is living well above her income and is heading straight for poverty unless she adapts herself to economic realities.

The state budget is given as 600,000 million francs (though well-informed circles state it is actually more like 655,000 million francs). This is seven times greater than the last pre-war year.

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#### Big Gap

The gap between the state's revenues and its expenditure is 310,000 million francs, including 100,000 million francs on subsidies to agriculture and various industries which the report considers, as of "medicore" economic use and including also all losses in nationalised industries.

The nationalised coal industry,

whose subsidy was suppressed

last March, is now reported to be

losing about 1,000 million francs per month.

The report is very discreet about aircraft factories, which have been nationalised since liberation but it is reliably reported that their combined deficit this year runs into 2,000 or 3,000 million francs.

The report says the budget deficit is due to two main reasons: Firstly, "the state's own standard of living" and losses of autonomous organisations depending on the state. Wages and salaries account for 25.6 per cent of the nation's budget against 17.2 per cent in 1936.

Gloomy Picture  
"Military expenditure in 1920 represented 5 per cent of the normal and permanent state resources." Today, they represent 46.3 per cent.

"Social charges—pensions, health service, etc.—have increased faster than production. Between the two world wars, allowing for depreciation of currency, their charges have multiplied by 15.5, whereas national income has multiplied by 1.5 per cent."

Secondly, the report paints a gloomy picture of state revenue, describing as "shocking" the inequalities of taxation between salary and fixed income holders on the one hand and farmers and middlemen on the other. —Reuter.

#### Faster Acting Anaesthetic

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 9. A Vanderbilt University doctor has revealed that he is in the middle stages of experimentation with a new anaesthetic that he thinks will produce faster action.

Dr. Benjamin H. Robbins said he had experimented successfully with fluorinated hydrocarbons, but much more data must be gathered before the method could be tested safely on human patients. He has used mice and dogs in preliminary studies.

"There are about a half-dozen compounds which look very good and have the advantage of being non-explosive," Dr. Robbins said.

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#### LARISSA SLASH

Athens, Dec. 9. The Greek General Staff today reported a clash in the village of Rosta, near Larissa, in which 20 guerrillas were reported to have been killed against the loss of one soldier.

The Ministry of Public Order declared that it had received information that members of a Slav-Macedonian organisation had been arrested near Dourmeniza, near the Greek-Yugoslav border, while mining the main roads.

—Reuter.

#### DIPLOMATIC?

Washington, Dec. 9. Radio commentator and columnist Drew Pearson said the Army, Chief of Staff, General Dwight Eisenhower, decided to take a month's rest because of President Truman's reported plan to use troops if the coal strike was not called off. —United Press.

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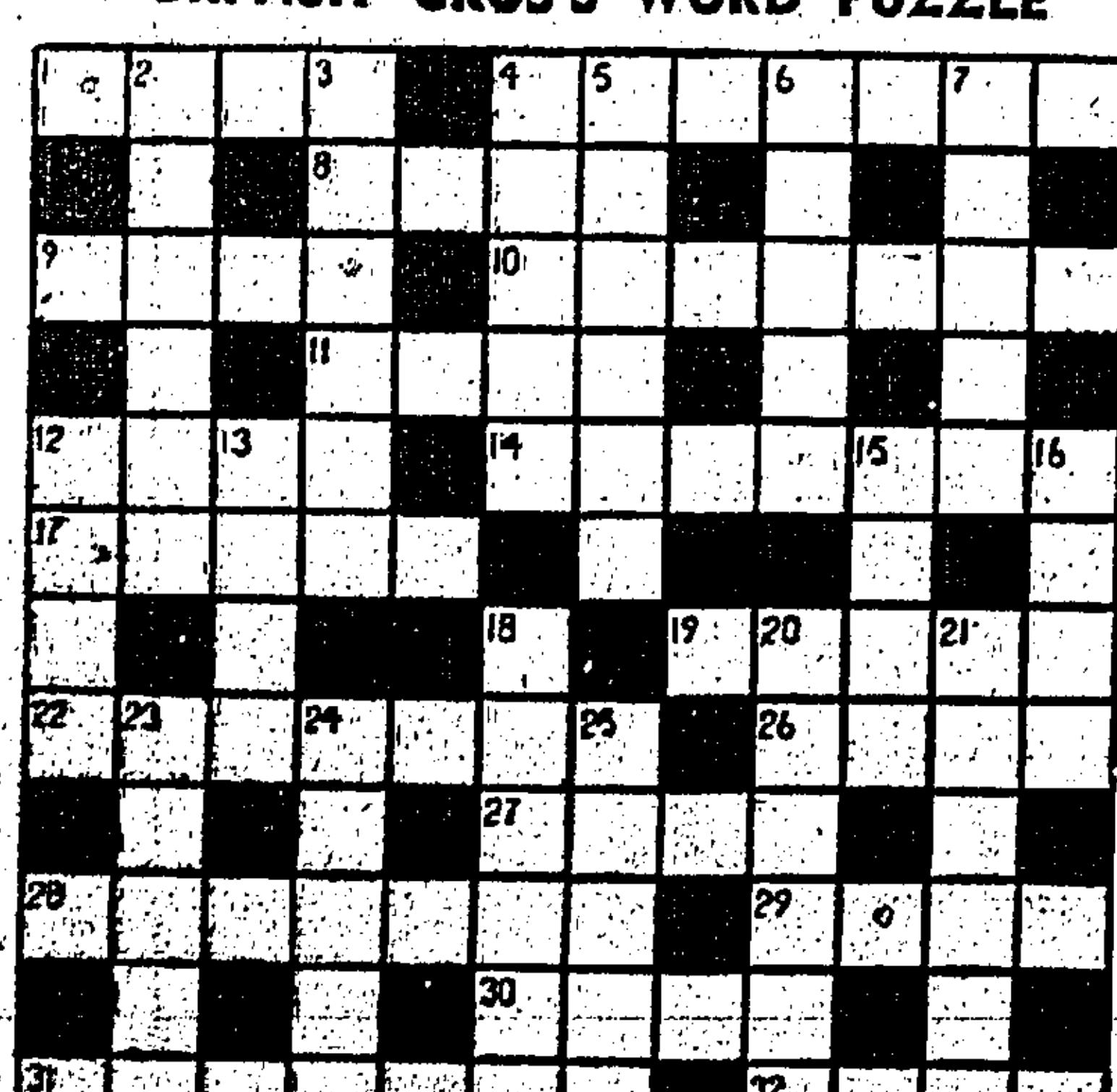
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New York, Dec. 9. The next step in the coal dispute, which carries on despite Lewis' order to resume mining, will be the Supreme Court's review of the Goldsborough decision. Lewis and his lawyers express confidence that the contempt verdict will be reversed but whatever the Supreme Court decides, there is little doubt this crisis will serve to mould new Congress labour legislation.

This twice in his career, Lewis may be responsible for anti-labour legislation. It was Lewis' 1943 wartime coal strike which so aroused the Democratic Congress that it passed the Smith-Connally Act under which Government seized the coal mines last spring.

The President reported to be working on a message to Congress which will be the most forceful message on labour he has ever made.

It is likely that Congress' action will not be against the individual worker but will be aimed against labour leaders.

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Navigation was outstanding,

closing 5/9 higher at 80/9.

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# FIGHTING STARTS IN IRAN

## Govt. Invasion Of Azerbaijan Test Of Soviet Strength?

Teheran, Dec. 10. The Chief of the General Staff announced today that Central Government troops launched a general attack to start the invasion of Azerbaijan last night. The announcement said troops marched out of Zenjan toward Mianeh. This morning another column started toward Mianeh from Zarcham, 100 miles further north of the Azerbaijan fortified positions along Ghaflankuh which had been subjected to artillery bombardment.

Premier Gravans Sultanah, cophiles and the servants of those who hold the atomic secrets."

The broadcast said the Azerbaijan forces would not flee before the Central forces and that the General Staff was mistaken if it believed the attack had started on four sectors with the principal spearhead in the Nowroozabad area.

Latest reports said government troops had occupied Nowroozabad and the Ghaflankuh mountains.

There were indications that the General Staff was planning an offensive from South Kurdistan. Correspondents in Teheran were invited to accompany the expeditionary forces which were expected to move within a few hours.

### Kurd Forces

Recently military forces stationed in and around Zenjan, Sardasht and Sanavdaj had been shifted to the Takab area in southwestern Kurdistan where Central Government forces were engaged in fighting the Azerbaijan Democrats. It was expected that these troops would fan out toward Mianeh just south of a line joining Tabriz and Ardebil.

Government planes already have started operations designed to soften the Democrats' positions in this area.

Fifty thousand armed Kurdish Democrats were reported in North Kurdistan around Mehabad. Ten thousand of them were described as Bazani tribe horsemen who immigrated from Iraq and the remainder composed of former Central Government conscript officers and men.

Teheran military sources said the Kurds were well supplied with military equipment obtained from Iraq and Azerbaijan as well as by robbing the Central Government militia from time to time.

### Will Fight

Central forces south of that area included about 30,000 troops mainly horsemen but were said to be equipped with medium tanks and mountain artillery.

In the eastern sector it was reported that 10,000 Shahavan tribesmen, who bitterly opposed the Azerbaijan regime at Tabriz, had captured Khalkhal on behalf of the Central Government. They were reported also to have stormed Ardebil. The Central Government recently has sent the Shahavanites large quantities of military supplies.

Last night Radio Tabriz broadcast a message from Azerbaijan officers to officers of the Central Army asking them not to be misled by Ghavam or the War Minister or the Chief of General Staff who are "Ameri-

### Supremo Deserved Better

Singapore, Dec. 9.

The "Singapore Free Press" in a comment today on Lord Mountbatten's appointment as Rear-Admiral Commanding the First Cruiser Squadron, Mediterranean Fleet, on the winding up of the Southeast Asia Command, said he "deserved better than this."

To send Lord Mountbatten to sea in the equivalent rank and authority as a commander of any army division appears to be both a strange tribute to his wartime leadership and equally strange national wastage of his undoubtedly capabilities," the newspaper wrote.

"There are many who have looked to the time when Lord Mountbatten as a Combined Operations expert might rise to the highest command of all three services.

"There will be little argument that it is not the height of wisdom to let him sail round the Mediterranean in naval obscurity."

(Lord Mountbatten's appointment was announced on November 30 to take effect in April, 1947. He will revert from his acting rank of Admiral, which he held during his appointment as Supreme Commander Southeast Asia Command, to his substantive rank of Rear-Admiral on January 6).—Reuter.

### SINO-BRITISH CLUB Resigns

Washington, Dec. 9.

Mr. Fiorello LaGuardia will tomorrow announce his resignation as Director-General of UNRRA when that organisation holds its sixth and final Council session here, it was authoritatively learned today.

An administrative officer appointed by the Central Committee is expected to be appointed in Mr. LaGuardia's place to make UNRRA's "funeral arrangements."

UNRRA operations in Europe technically cease on December 31, 1946 and in China on March 31, 1947.

It is possible that Mr. LaGuardia will reiterate his views on the necessity of establishing an "organisation of UNRRA type" to carry on relief during 1947 and his criticisms of the United States and British Council to be made under the Ordinance and that it could be removed.

Holders of ration tickets on the above mentioned Companies who have not yet drawn their Cloth ration are advised to do so as soon as possible.

### CLOTH RATION

Holders of ration tickets on Lane Crawford, Ltd. and The Daily Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd. are notified that distribution of Cloth through Messrs. Lane Crawford, Ltd. and Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw, Ltd. against ration tickets will cease on the evening of Friday the 13th December, 1946, after which date no further claims for Cloth against ration tickets will be entertained.

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Britain supports the United States view expressed by Mr. Dean Acheson, Under-Secretary of State, over the week-end that each country should make up its own mind what it can spare towards continuing relief, notifying the United Nations Secretariat accordingly, but procuring and distributing the goods and services on a national basis.—Reuter.

Furthermore, where a person avers or certifies to a particular fact without knowing whether it is true or false, that is as much perjury as if he knew the fact to be false and that is what happened according to the prosecution evidence in this case, for the second accused, as a medical man, would certainly know that the statement of a fact that the deceased suffered from lobar pneumonia, was worthless. Mr. Clifford, on behalf of the prosecution, submits that even if section 6 (1) (b) were the more apt way of indicating the accused, it was open to the prosecution to charge him under paragraph (4), inasmuch as the medical certificate contains a false statement. If that paragraph stood alone, this argument might hold good, but the words in an Ordinance must be construed with re-

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### No Evidence For Jury In Doctor's Case

Holding that there was no evidence to go to the jury on the charge laid against Dr. Chan Hoishan, who was charged with making a false statement in a death certificate, the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Blackall, directed the jury to return a verdict of Not Guilty against both accused.

The other accused, undefended, was Yu Kau, charged with false certificates, I agree with Mr. da Silva's contention that the words "false statement" in paragraph (d) must be taken as relating to other kinds of false statements made under the Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance.

As then there is no evidence that any statement other than the information contained in the certificate which was made by the accused, I hold that there is no evidence to go to the jury on the charge as laid as against the second accused.

The first accused is undefended but the argument which has been put forward on behalf of the second accused applies to him also because he is charged with being an accessory before the fact to the offence with which the second accused is charged and therefore if the charge against the second accused fails, so does the charge against the first.

In his ruling, the Chief Justice said:—

#### Technical Point

"The point taken was a technical one but if counsel can detect a chink in his adversary's armour, he is entitled to take advantage of it. Now the point taken by Mr. da Silva is this:—The Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance requires various classes of persons to make certificates or declarations or to furnish information in relation to deaths, and under the Perjury Ordinance, falsehoods in the same are punishable. The Perjury Ordinance, in dealing with this matter, particularises the various offences. For the purposes of the present case, we need concern ourselves only with section 6 (1) (b) and (d) of the Perjury Ordinance. Paragraph (b) provides that if any person wilfully makes a false certificate under any enactment relating to the registration of deaths, he commits an offence, and paragraph (d) provides that if a person makes a false statement with intent to have the same inserted in the Register of Deaths, he likewise commits an offence.

In the present case, the evidence of the Crown discloses that the accused signed a medical certificate of the cause of the death of Yu Yiu Fai as form No. 19 of the Births and Deaths Ordinance in which he certified that he attended the deceased during his last illness and that the cause of death was from lobar pneumonia. The evidence shows that in fact he never attended the deceased and that the deceased died from a stab wound. If that evidence were accepted by the jury, I would direct them that the accused would be guilty of wilfully making a false certificate for it has been held that the word "wilfully" as applied to this section merely means that the accused knew at the time of making the certificate that he was making a false statement in a document which purported to be made under the Import and Export Trade of Hong Kong.

The first essential of co-operation of complete understanding and anything you can do to assist us to fulfil the objects of our Mission in this respect we will be grateful to you for.

#### Tonight's Dinner

Those attending the dinner to the Mission given by the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce tonight in the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel are asked to be there a little before eight o'clock. His Excellency the Governor has accepted an invitation to be present.

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### JAP CRUISER REFLOATED

Singapore, Dec. 9. The 14,000-ton Japanese cruiser Shirokoto has been successfully re-floated and towed clear of the Singapore \$8,600,000 sunken floating dock.

The cruiser will be temporarily repaired and then towed out to deeper waters and sunk.

Naval authorities say that the way is now open to proceed with the task of repairing and re-floating the dock, but no target date has yet been set for the commencement of this operation.—Reuter.

Sheffield, Dec. 9. The Combined Copenhagen soccer team beat Sheffield Wednesday, a second League club by three goals to two today.

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### English Tour By Sing Tao?

Permission to visit England after the season and play games there, if necessary arrangements can be made, was requested by Sing Tao Sports Club at the monthly meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association.

Permission was granted on condition that Sing Tao fulfil all their commitments for this season and that permission is obtained from the Football Association in England.

The following were appointed convenors to select the various teams in the International Competition:—

Portugal.—Mr. L. F. de Souza.

England.—Messrs. Rogers and Skinner.

Scotland.—Capt. England.

China.—Representatives of Clubs on the Council.

### M.C.C. Team Guessed

Sydney, Dec. 10. The England team for the Test match starting here on Friday will be chosen at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday. It is not thought that the overwhelming defeat at Brisbane will cause the selectors to make sweeping changes.

The spin of the coin and the thunderous contributed mainly to Australia's victory in the First Test.

It is thought that Hutton, Washbrook, Edrich, Compton, Hammond, Yardley, Bedser and Wright are certain to retain their places.

The question is whether any of the other three—Ikin, Gibb and Vose—should be discarded.

England, Ikin was regarded as an all-rounder but here Hammond rarely uses him as a bowler. He is a reliable fielder close to the bat and it is thought he will stay, although Fishlock would strengthen the batting and could be put in the outfield with Hutton moving to slip or short leg.

Gibb did not shine as a wicket keeper in the Brisbane test. He stood too far back to Bedser especially when the Surrey man was ill and his page decreased.

Vose might serve England better.

Vose well at Brisbane without any luck. Unfortunately he is difficult to hide in the field. He missed some chances in the slips where he also gave away many runs, but probably Hammond will wish to retain him because of his attacking value.

Otherwise either Smith or Larbridge could be given a chance.

### Radios Seized

Later the party, including the accused, went to Mr. Power's house in Granville Road and seized two radio receivers.

To Mr. Rajah, witness said Ghillote was later arrested by Mr. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, at the opening of the trial yesterday.

Mr. A. P. Rajah, specially sent by the Indian Government to defend alleged Indian collaborators, is appearing for Chattulani. Inspector P. Lowe, of the Special Branch, is representing the Police.

Inouye Kaneko, better known as "Slay Happy," said that he first saw the accused on June 5, 1944, at the Peninsula Hotel in the presence of Moriyama and Ghillote. Witness had the impression that Ghillote was under arrest. He said he heard Ghillote and the accused arguing in the Indian language.

Through his interpretation, Inouye added, Moriyama asked Ghillote about transmitters to which Ghillote replied that he knew there was one at Mr. Power's house and asked Moriyama for money to enable him (Ghillote) to locate transmitters in the New Territories.

Mrs. Power's Evidence

Later the same afternoon he was led by a party, including the accused, to Mr. Power's house to seize two radio receivers and to arrest two persons.

Subsequently he was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment and sent to Stanley.

To Mr. Rajah, Ghillote denied that he was working for Moriyama before his arrest and maintained that the accused slapped him and was present when he was given the water torture.

Sergeant Hanada Genji, former member of the Tokyo Section of the Japanese Gendarmerie, said he remembered the accused handing him five or six times information prepared by a William Chau, about transmitters.

Mrs. Mary Violet Power said she was staying with her husband, the late Mr. John Charles Power, former Customs Officer in Ham-nov, at No. 14 Granville Road in June, 1944.

On June 19, Ghillote, accused, George Wong, another Chinese and two Japanese came to her house and arrested her husband and took away two radio sets belonging to her landlord's son.

The bath room floor was wet. She thought the landlord's son was tortured by the Japanese there. On June 21 she was arrested and taken to No. 60, Kimberley Road and was given water torture by the Japanese, though the accused was not present.

On Nov. 27, she received information that her husband had died in Stanley and went there to collect the body. She burst into tears in the witness box when referring to the death of her husband.

After recovering, Mrs. Power said that she knew that her husband used to send messages out of the Colony before his arrest.

Following his arrest, she said, she found some documents of her husband and burned them all.

To Mr. Rajah, she agreed that she was not arrested together with her husband because the accused had intervened with the Japanese and that she sometimes warned her husband to be careful in his conversation with Ghillote prior to his arrest.

The case was adjourned to this morning.

### INDIAN ON CHARGE OF COLLABORATION

Testifying at the trial of Wadumull Chattulani on charges of collaboration, Mrs. Mary Violet Power burst into tears in the witness box before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, Presiding Judge, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday when referring to the death of her husband, Mr. John Charles Power, former Chief Officer of the Chinese Customs in Hankow, at Stanley in Nov. 1944.

Chattulani pleaded not guilty to all five counts of doing acts with intent to assist the enemy contrary to the 1940 Defence Regulations.

The accused Indian is alleged while a member of the Japanese Gendarmerie's Special Political Branch, to have assisted the Japanese in arrest, torture, infliction of grievous bodily harm or persuading four suspected British agents to disclose certain information.

The alleged victims concerned in the trial are Rampa Ghillote, Mohammed Yousif Khan, Mohamed Absan and O. M. Omar.

The sixth charge, concerning the arrest of John Charles Power, was withdrawn by Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, at the opening of the trial yesterday.

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